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GENEALOGY

OF THAT BRANCH OF

THE PALMERS

EMANATING FROM THE MARRIAGE OF

GERSHOM PALMER,

SON OF WALTER PALMER, OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND,

AND

ANN DENISON,

A. D. 1667.

BY WALTER PALMER AND MRS. LYDIA C. DORRANCE,

DECENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL WALTER PALMER.

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PREFACE.

As a considerable interest in the genealogy of the Palmers has been manifested by some members of the family, two of the number have made the attempt to obtain all the information possible concerning the Gershom branch of the decendants of Walter Palmer, the pilgrim, and this little work has been written with the hope that it may prove interesting, to some, at least, of this large family. The facts have been gathered from various sources, but accuracy has been the aim in every instance. In some cases it seemed impossible to get the desired record, the entire family having passed out of existence. In others, perhaps there would be

none, or those of the family still living would not be sufficiently interested to look up the record of their ancestors.

However, the members of this branch of the Palmer family are found to be widely dispersed over our country. They are engaged in many kinds of business. The professions are fairly represented. And the energy and indomitable perseverance which characterized the venerable patriarch, and which is so necessary to success in life, is traced in each succeeding generation.

GENEALOGY.

FIRST GENERATION.

WALTER PALMER, who was born in 1598, and died 1662, came from Nottinghamshire, England, in the year 1629, to Charlestown, Mass., to escape religious persecution; thence, in 1643, to Seekonk, Mass., and finally to Stonington, Conn., in 1653, where he stopped at a place called Wequetequock.

At that time there was but one settler in that wild region, William Chesebrough by name. Walter at once commenced negotiations with Gov. Haynes, of the Colony of Conn., for the purpose of securing a large land grant on the east side of Wequetequock Cove. Having ob-

tained the land, he proceeded to erect a house for his family. But the house being small, and the family increasing, it was at length found necessary to procure a larger habitation. Whereupon his son-in-law, Thomas Minor, who lived near by, proposed to sell him his place, saying he would move to a place called Quainbaug. Walter accepted the proposal, and that became their permanent home for many years.

As has been said, it was a wild, rough region of country, having been occupied solely by Indians and wild beasts. But he seemed to enter into his labors with heart and hand. He was a large, powerfully built man, and, which is not always the case, with energy in proportion to his size. However, if he was not naturally so, he had a very strong incentive to be industrious, frugal, temperate, in order that he might provide the necessaries, to say nothing of the comforts, for his family.

On coming to this country he had married Rebecca Short, and they were blessed indeed. Twelve children were welcomed to the home

of Walter and Rebecca. The old well still remains on the place last occupied by them, and at the time of the Palmer reunion in 1881 a large number of the decendants of Walter and Rebecca made a pilgrimage to their old home, drinking from the well, getting fragments from the old door-step, visiting the cemetery, and in various ways testifying their interest.

The following are the names of their children:—

John.
Grace, who married Thomas Minor.
Jonas.
William.
Hannah.
Elihu.
Nehemiah.
Moses.
Benjamin.
Gershom.
Rebecca.
Elizabeth.

SECOND GENERATION.

GERSHOM PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Rebecca Short, married, in 1667, Ann Denison, daughter of George and Ann Denison. Their children, so far as we know, are as follows:—

Gershom Palmer, born April 13, 1670; married, 1715, Hannah Spencer.

Ichabod Palmer, born 1672; married, 1698, Hannah Palmer.

William Palmer, born 1674; married Grace Palmer.

Mercy Palmer, born 1675; married, 1692, John Breed.

George Palmer, born 1676.

Walter Palmer, born 1678; married, August 7, 1712, Grace Vose.

Elihu Palmer, born 1679.
Rebecca Palmer, born 1680.
Mary Palmer, born 1681.

Ann, wife of Gershom Palmer, died 1686.
Gershom Palmer died 1718.

Children of Gershom Palmer, son of Gershom Palmer and Ann Denison, who married Hannah Spencer, 1715:—

Josiah Palmer, born 1716; died 1719.
Phebe Palmer, born 1718.
Shuball Palmer, born 1720.
Hannah Palmer, born 1726.

Hannah, wife of Gershom Palmer, died 1766; age 78.

Children of Ichabod Palmer and Hannah Palmer, married 1698, and grandchildren of Gershom Palmer and Ann Denison:—

Lucy Palmer, born 1699.
Ichabod Palmer, born 1703.
Prudence Palmer, born 1706.
Daniel Palmer, born 1709.

Children of Mercy Palmer, (daughter of Gershom Palmer and Ann Denison,) and John Breed, married 1692:—

Ann Breed, born 1693.
Mary Breed, born 1697.
John Breed, born 1700; married Mary Prentice.
Eliza Breed, born 1702.
Sarah Breed, born 1704; married James Minor.
Loren Breed, born 1706.
Joseph Breed, born 1708.
Bertha Breed, born 1710.
Allen Breed, born 1714.
Gershom Breed, born 1715; married Dorothy McClellan.
Nancy Breed, born 1729.

THIRD GENERATION.

WALTER PALMER, grandson of the original Walter, and son of Gershom Palmer and Ann Denison, baptized June 7, 1685; married Grace Vose Aug. 7, 1712. Grace, we learn, was admitted to the church Aug. 31, 1718, the same day their son Walter was baptized. We have no record of any other children, yet doubtless there were others.

The following is the inscription found on the gravestone of Walter, the husband of Grace Vose:—

"HERE LIETH THE BODY OF
WALTER PALMER,
WHO DIED
FEBRUARY 11TH, 1726,
IN THE 43D YEAR OF HIS AGE."

FOURTH GENERATION.

WALTER PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Grace Vose, baptized Aug. 31, 1718; married Mercy Hinckley Dec. 29, 1736, and were both admitted to church membership Nov. 29, 1741.

We do not learn the date of the birth of their children, but that of the baptism of all but one, the oldest, Grace.

Walter is the first on the church records, and by these dates it seems they were not admitted to church membership till after one, at least, of their children had been baptized.

The following is the epitaph on the grave-stone of Walter Palmer:—

"IN MEMORY OF
MR. WALTER PALMER,
WHO DIED Nov. 1, 1785,
IN THE 69TH YEAR OF HIS AGE."

"Death is a debt,
To nature due,
Which I have paid,
And so must you."

His wife, Mercy, died Dec. 23, 1786; age, 71.

The names of the children of Walter Palmer and Mercy Hinckley were as follows:—

Grace.
Walter; baptized July 24, 1739.
Mercy; baptized March 21, 1742.
Bathsheba; baptized July 31, 1743.
Vose; baptized Jan. 14, 1746.

Grace married a Breed, but his Christian name is unknown to us; neither have we the date of her birth or baptism; but she is mentioned in the will of her father, by which we learn, also, that he was a farmer and a slave-

holder, and that they settled in Stonington, Conn., and lived there at the time the will was made, which was a short time previous to his death.

Mercy Palmer, born in Stonington, Conn., was baptized March 21st, 1742, and married Simon Pendleton, a farmer, Jan. 10th, 1762. Two children only, Ethan and Bathsheba, are mentioned in the will, from which we get information concerning this family of Simon and Mercy Pendleton.

Bathsheba Palmer, baptized July 31st, 1743, married Sands Niles. No mention is made of any offspring, excepting that her legacies were to go to her children.

Vose, baptized Jan. 19, 1746, received no legacy, nor is he in any way spoken of, therefore we infer that he died previous to the making of the will.

Walter Palmer, who married Margaret Frink, died Jan. 6, 1775, being ten years before the will was made, so that his portion was given to his children, of whom we will speak hereafter.

Copy of the Will of Walter Palmer, who married Mercy Hinckley.

In the name of God, amen, this 5th day of October, 1785.

I, Walter Palmer, of Stonington, in the County of New London, and State of Connecticut, being weak in body but of a sound mind and disposing memory, and in the free and full exercise of my reason and understanding, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do here make and ordain this my last will and testament, etc.:—

First, I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it me. My body I resign to the earth, to be decently buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection my spirit shall revive this body again by the mighty power of God, etc. As touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world, I give and dispose in the following manner:—

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Mrs. Marcy Palmer, one-third part of my real estate, allowing her to have the east half of my house during her natural life; and also one-third part of my movable estate to be

at her disposal forever. I also give her my two negroes named Pero and Cloe.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law, Simon Pendleton, my house and lot that I bought of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Pendleton, lying in the Town of Westerly, in the State of Rhode Island, with all my right in the cedar swamp in said Town of Westerly, to be to him and his wife during their natural lives, and then to descend to my grandson, Ethan Pendleton.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my two grandsons, Walter Palmer and Vose Palmer, one-quarter part of my homestead farm, with the one-quarter part of my lot of marsh, to be divided to them equally in that proportion aforesaid for quantity and quality.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Grace Breed, one-quarter part of my homestead farm and buildings, with a quarter part of my lot of marsh, to be divided to her equally in said propotion for quantity and quality, and unto her children after her decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Marcy Pendleton, one-quarter part of my homestead farm and buildings, with a quarter part of my lot of marsh, to be divided to her equally in said proportion for quantity and quality.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Bathsheba Niles, the one-quarter part of my homestead farm, with a quarter part of my lot

of marsh, to be divided to her equally in said proportion for quantity and quality, to be to her and her children after her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Ethan Pendleton, all my lot at the place called the Lottery, in Rhode Island State.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Isaac Palmer, twenty pounds, lawful money, when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years.

I order my grandson, Walter Palmer, to pay him five pounds; my daughter, Grace Breed, to pay him five pounds; and my son-in-law, Simon Pendleton, to pay him five pounds; and my son-in-law, Sands Niles, to pay him five pounds; all to become payable when sd. Isaac shall come to the age, twenty-one years.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Grace, Marcy and Bathsheba, each of them an equal part in the west half of my house. I also give to my three daughters above named and my granddaughter, Bathsheba Pendleton, all my stock and movable estate, after my debts and funeral charges are paid.

Item. I give to my two granddaughters, Anna Palmer and Bridget Palmer, each of them twenty shillings, lawful money, to be paid when they come to the age of eighteen years, by my Executors hereafter named.

My will is so that if any of my children shall

die without heirs then what is here given to them shall return to the surviving brethren.

Furthermore, my will is so that whatsoever hay, corn, or grain, shall be found not given away in this will, that all the provisions of any kind whatsoever shall descend to my wife and my son-in-law Simon Pendleton, for their support, without being appraised, for their family use and support.

I do hereby appoint my son-in-law, Simon Pendleton, and my son-in-law, Sands Niles, to be my lawful Executors of this, my last will and testament, now making void all former will whatsoever. Ratifying and confirming this, and this only, to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above said.

WALTER PALMER. {SEAL.}

Signed, sealed and declared
in the presence of
GEORGE SWAN,
JAMES RATHBUNN,
THOMAS MINOR.

True copy of the original,
Test, SANDS NILES, Executor.

FIFTH GENERATION.

WALTER PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Mercy Hinckley, baptized July 29th, 1739; married Margaret Frink, March 22, 1760. Walter was a farmer, and settled in Plainfield, Conn., in 1765 probably, as we learn from an old deed, which we copy, that in March, 1765, he bought of Stephen Kingsbury a certain tract of land, together with the mansion house thereon. The deed is to Walter Palmer, of Stonington, in the County of New London, and Colony of Connecticut.

COPY OF DEED GIVEN BY STEPHEN KINGSBURY TO WALTER PALMER.

"*To all people to whom these presents shall come:* Know ye that I, Stephen Kingsbury, of

Plainfield, in the County of Windham, and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, for the consideration of Fifty pounds, Lawful money, already Rec'd to my full satisfaction of Walter Palmer, of Stonington, in the County of New London, and Colony aforesaid, do therefore give, grant, bargain, sell, in fee of convey and confirm unto the sd. Walter Palmer, a certain tract of land situate in Plainfield aforesaid, containing twenty-two acres and a half, and is bounded as follows, (viz): Beginning at a heap of stones about four feet west from a great stump of a tree and in the East line of land belonging to John Harris, and is the Norwest corner of the premises, thence running south eleven degrees, west twenty-five rods and a quarter, to a heap of stones; thence west eight degrees, north eighteen rods, to a Black oak tree in the East line of the land of Daniel Coit, Decd; thence south twenty-three degrees, west ten rods, by sd. Coit's land to a heap of stones at the Norwest corner of the land called Dunlap's; thence east twenty-one degrees, south one hundred and twelve rod, by sd. Dunlap's land to a heap of stones in the West line of land belonging to James Apley, thence northerly in the west line of sd. Apley's land thirty-six rod, to a heap of stones; and thence west twenty-three degrees north to the bound first mentioned; together with a mansion house thereon, and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

To have and to hold all the above bargained premises, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to him, the sd. Walter Palmer, his heirs and assigns, &c., forever; and the sd. Stephen Kingsbury doth for himself and his heirs covenant to and with the sd. Walter Palmer and his heirs, in manner following, (i e): at the time of the executing of these presents the sd. Kingsbury is the sole owner of the premises, and that it is free from all encumbrance whatsoever, and doth hereby warrant and defend the same unto the sd. Walter Palmer and his heirs against all lawful claims whatsoever.

And in testimony hereof the sd. Stephen Kingsbury hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this 15 day of March, A. D. 1765.

STEPHEN KINGSBURY. {L. S.}

Signed, sealed in presence of
JOSEPH AVERY,
NATHAN AVERY.

STONINGTON, ss. { New London County, March the 15, A. D. 1765.

Personally appeared before me Stephen Kingsbury, signer and sealer to the above and foregoing implement, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

CHARLES PHELPS,
Justice of the Peace."

In April, of the same year, John Hall, of Plainfield, Conn., conveyed a portion of land to Walter Palmer, of said Plainfield. Hence we conclude that Walter and Margaret settled in Plainfield between the fifteenth day of March and the eleventh of April, 1765.

The following is taken from

THE DEED OF JOHN HALL.

"I, the said John Hall, do by these presents bind myself and my heirs, &c., to the said Walter Palmer, his heirs and assigns forever, to warrant and defend the sd. granted, bargained premises against the claims and demands of all and every person or persons whatsoever, laying any lawful claim thereunto, or any part thereof. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 11th day of April, 1765, and in the 5th year of his Majesties Reign.

JOHN HALL. {L. S.}

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
ISAAC COIT,
ALPHEUS SPALDING."

Walter died Jan. 6, 1775. His widow, Margaret, afterwards married a Frink, thereby resuming her maiden name.

The names of the children of Walter Palmer and Margaret Frink are:—

Walter Palmer, born Sept. 19, 1760.
Vose Palmer, born Aug. 12, 1762.
Molly Palmer, born Aug. 13, 1764.
Bridget Palmer, born Feb. 14, 1767.
Isaac Palmer, born Aug. 17, 1769.
Anna Palmer, born Oct. 14, 1771.

SIXTH GENERATION.

WALTER PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Margaret Frink, was married to Hannah Gates, April 22, 1784. Walter was in the 24th year and Hannah in the 22nd year of their ages. They lived on the farm purchased by Walter's father on coming to Plainfield. His father, it will be remembered, died nine years previous to his marriage, when he was only 14 years of age.

Whether his mother's marriage took place before that of her son we are unable to say. At all events the widow receives no aid by her father-in-law's will, which was made the year after her son's marriage, and he, the son, was

Trustee of the minors' property. In all probability she had married previous to this date.

The family record of Walter Palmer and Hannah Gates is as follows:—

"Polly Palmer, born April 13, 1785.
Walter Palmer, born Aug. 23, 1787.
Dolly Gates Palmer, born Mar. 11, 1790.
Sally Palmer, born April 6, 1792.
Hannah Palmer, born Oct. 19, 1794.
Joseph Palmer, born March 13, 1797.

December 10, 1800, I had a daughter born, and it died the 12, and my beloved wife died the 13th day of the same month, in the 38 year of her age."

It appears that Walter and Hannah lived on the old homestead at the time of her death, but he was building a new house on the turnpike, the work progressing as rapidly as possible, when he was called to "Pass under the rod." The new house being situated on the Providence and Norwich stage route, was, in due time, occupied as a hotel by Walter and Nancy

Gordon (Nancy Dixon was her maiden name), for, feeling his loss so much, and there is no doubt but that it was a great affliction to him, also realizing the need of a helpmeet, as he had six children, some of them quite small, he soon began to look for consolation outside of the family circle.

In April, 1801, following his bereavement in December, 1800, we have a continuation of his family record, as follows:—

"April 19, 1801, then I married Nancy Gordon, in 34 year of her age, and the 41 year of my age.

My son Harry Palmer was born April 21, 1802.

My son Samuel Palmer was born Feb. 3, 1804.

My daughter Nancy Palmer was born Dec. 9, 1805.

My son Vose Palmer was born Sept. 22, 1807.

My son Benjamin Palmer was born Oct. 16, 1809."

There is the birth of another son recorded,

but there seems to be an error in the dates. In all there were thirteen children.

Walter was quite successful in accumulating property, notwithstanding there was a large family to provide for.

He was at one time Legal Meat Packer for the County of Windham, and no meat could be sold legally, by the barrel, without his brand. He travelled on horseback, and carried his tools in a saddle-bag. He was afterwards an owner in the Union factory, at Moosup.

It has been said that he died of yellow fever, he having taken care of his sons who died of that disease. Others say he took cold, while engaged in building the dam to the factory, which resulted in a fatal case of fever. It may have been that both combined to lay the strong man low, and he who was wont to be obeyed was at last compelled to succumb to One stronger than himself.

VOSE PALMER.

Vose Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Margaret Frink, married Cyllinda Stewart, and settled, finally, in New York State, where he became the owner of a large landed estate.

Some of his decendants are now living in West Winfield, N. Y. Of his children we know comparatively nothing.

A grandson and granddaughter, brother and sister, attended the first Palmer Reunion, held at Stonington, Conn., in 1881. The grandson, Walter Palmer, related an incident which he had heard his grandfather tell in connection with his moving to the then wild country of York State. It seems that Vose went first to secure a home and then returned for his family. On moving his family he was obliged to leave his wife before he reached his destination, on account of her being in feeble health. He, with two children, proceeded until they reached their new home, where, after making them as safe and comfortable as possible, he left

them that night to stay alone, while he went to attend his invalid wife. There was snow upon the ground, and in the morning when he returned there was a beaten track around the house made by wolves in their vain attempts to find an entrance to the house where the children were concealed.

Walter Palmer, the narrator of the above, had four sons; two were farmers, one was a lawyer, and one was a physician. Walter died suddenly of heart disease, within a year or two after his return home. He left a widow, to whom he had been married but one year at the time of the first Reunion, 1881.

The granddaughter of Vose, and sister of the above Walter Palmer, married Dr. James M. Rose, a very skilful physician, and one whose counsel was sought by many other physicians in difficult cases. Their home is in West Winfield, N. Y., but they have spent several winters in Florida on account of the doctor's health, which is very poor. They have no children.

Vose Palmer, son of Vose Palmer and Cyllinda Stewart, was born July 18th, 1789. He married Sally Chapin.

Walter Palmer, son of Vose Palmer and Sally Chapin, was born July 6th, 1811, and married to Rachel Smith Sept. 20th, 1832. The children of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith are as follows:—

Vose W. Palmer, born July 1, 1833.
Frank S. Palmer, born July 8, 1835.
Henry C. Palmer, born Feb. 15, 1841.
Rachel E. Palmer, born May 7, 1844.
Charles I. Palmer, born June 20, 1846.
Walter B. Palmer, born Feb. 21, 1851.
Luther M. Palmer, born July 26, 1853.

Vose W. Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married Elmira M. Hubbard, Jan.

1, 1857. Their home is in West Winfield, N. Y. Their children are:—

Mary Minnetta Palmer, born Jan. 12, 1859; married to I. A. Moore, M. D., 14 8th St., Hudson, N. Y.

Walter Palmer, born Aug. 7, 1872.

Frank S. Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married Ellen M. Sweet, Sept. 8, 1865.

Henry C. Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married Amelia H. Warner, June 27, 1866. His address is Dr. H. C. Palmer, 253 Genesee Street, Utica, N. Y. They have one daughter:—

Grace Palmer, born July 11, 1872.

Rachel E. Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married Edward E. Walker,

Aug. 28, 1866. They live at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Charles I. Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married Abbey E. Washburn, Sept. 1871. They are living at 30 South St., Utica, N. Y. Their children are:—

Frank S. Palmer.

Charles Palmer.

Walter Palmer.

Walter B. Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married Harriet C. Ney, 1876. Their children are:—

Florence Rachel Palmer.

Carrie Sage Palmer.

James Palmer.

Luther M. Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Rachel Smith, married I. Adell Morgan, Aug.

19, 1874. They are living at West Winfield, N. Y. Their children are:—

Willie E. Palmer.
Geo. W. Palmer.
Bertha E. Palmer.
Mary C. Palmer.

BRIDGET PALMER.

Bridget Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer and Margaret Frink, married Benjamin Clark, a farmer, and settled in Foster, R. I. From there they moved to Windham, Conn. Their children were:—

Sally Clark.
Walter Clark.
Daniel Clark.
Mary Antoinette Clark.

ISAAC PALMER.

Isaac Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Margaret Frink, married Lois Maltby, at Goshen, Conn. He was a physician, and feeling dissatisfied on account of the unequal distribution of property, by which he did not receive an equal share with his brothers, he left his home and native State, and his locality was not known for many years, nor did his relatives know whether he was living or not, so completely did he renounce all family intercourse. But at last we learn some very interesting particulars concerning him and his decendants.

A sketch from his history tells us that on leaving Connecticut he went, first, to Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained a short time and practiced medicine, leaving there for Ohio in 1800. That he sailed his own boat from Buffalo to Fairport, having for company his wife, child, and a man by the name of Sackett. And that he was successful during his forty years sojourn in Ohio, accumulating some four hundred acres of land and his personal property amounting to several thousand dollars, and no debts.

He had five sons and two daughters. Only two of the number are now living, (June 25, 1886.) All of his children owned farms and settled in the vicinity of Madison, Lake Co., Ohio.

He seems to have inherited a goodly portion of the energy and thrift of his forefathers, if he did not receive his share of their property. His father died when he was only six years old. The will which caused the family rupture was made by Isaac's grandfather, the Walter Palmer that married Mercy Hinckley.

The following is the family record of Dr. Isaac Palmer:—

"Dr. Isaac Palmer, born in Plainfield, Windham Co., Conn., August 17th, 1769. Died July 1st, 1840.

Dr. Isaac Palmer married Lois Maltby, at Goshen, Conn., who died Feb. 5th, 1838."

Their children were:—

Anna Palmer, born in Conn., Sept. 17, 1796. Died Feb., 1875.

Isaac Palmer, born in Thompson, Ohio, Aug. 7, 1802. Died 1883.

Noyes Palmer, born in Concord, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1803. Died July, 1840.

Walter Palmer, born in Concord, Ohio, Nov. 6, 1805.

Erastus Palmer, born in Concord, Ohio, Mar. 31, 1809.

Cullen Palmer, born in Concord, Ohio, June 27, 1812. Died in Madison, Ohio, August 28, 1881.

Louisa Palmer, born in Concord, Ohio, June 6, 1814.

As we do not know the particulars concerning any of Isaac's family excepting one son, Cullen, his history will now be given.

Cullen Palmer, son of Dr. Isaac Palmer and Lois Maltby, married Matilda E. Isham, of Madison, Oct. 13, 1841, and settled in Madison, Lake Co., Ohio. He had four sons and two daughters. To one of the daughters, Mrs. Lovern P. Brooks, we are indebted for the information concerning this family of Dr. Isaac Palmer.

The following, which was taken from the local paper, shows how highly Mr. Cullen Palmer was esteemed by those who knew him best:—

"DIED.

PALMER.—In Madison, August 28, 1881, after a painful and protracted illness of over a year, Mr. Cullen Palmer, aged 69 years.

The deceased was one of Madison's most respected and influential citizens. Having lived in Madison during the past forty years, he aided materially in the upbuilding of the town and society, and won to himself many friends and acquaintainces. He was born in Concord, Ohio, in 1812; was a son of Dr. Isaac Palmer, of that place, and a decendant of Walter Palmer, who came from Nottinghamshire, England, with the pilgrims, and settled in 1653 in Stonington, Conn., where a family reunion of his decendants was held and largely attended the present year. While living in Concord the deceased, in company with Mr. Robert Murray, now of Mentor,

bought and sold cattle quite extensively, buy them in that vicinity and driving them overland in large droves across the Alleghany and Blue Ridge mountains to Philadelphia, where they were sold. The hardship and enterprise of the business then being far different than now, when the herds of cattle are transported by rail. While living in Madison he devoted his energies to farming, buying and selling cattle for the Buffalo and home market. At the age of 52, soon after the death of his son, he united with the Congregational church. During his sickness he bore his suffering with patience, and died trusting in Christ's mercy and His atoning blood. He leaves a wife, three sons and a daughter, who deeply mourn his loss."

At the time of his death Mr. Cullen Palmer owned 450 acres of well improved land. Two of his sons are on large farms of their own near Seward, Nebraska, where they feed several hundred head of cattle every season. The remaining son also has a farm in Ohio.

Mrs. L. P. Brooks, the daughter of Cullen Palmer, says: "As for my own family, God has seen fit to take my husband and only child to dwell with Him. My husband was an excellent

Christian man; was one of the first men of the town. He owned a large farm and fine house joining my father's home. But God's ways are not our ways, and oft in this life we 'Pass under the rod.'"

After losing her husband and child, Mrs. Brooks returned to the home of her parents. Since her father's death the farm has been sold and she and her mother have moved into town, having built a house on a lot owned by one of them. Mrs. Brooks has quite a poetical talent which might have been developed had she given more time and attention to its culture.

The following is the family record of Cullen Palmer:—

"Cullen Palmer married Matilda E. Isham, of Madison, in Oct. 13, 1841, and he died in August 28, 1881."

Their children were:—

Laura Palmer, born June 27, 1842. Died May 2, 1878.

Lovern M. Palmer, born August 9, 1844. Married January 13, 1863, to John L. Brooks; he died Jan. 14, 1875.

David B. Palmer, born November 24, 1846. Married Eva Wyman, Dec. 21, 1870. They now live in Seward, Seward Co., Nebraska.

Erastus Palmer, born Dec. 25, 1848. Died April 10, 1863.

Marshall B. Palmer, born May 1st, 1852. Married Alice C. Payne, Jan. 16, 1878. They now live in Germantown, Seward Co., Nebraska.

Jerome C. Palmer, born February 4, 1859. Married Louise Nichols. They live in Madison, Lake Co., Ohio.

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SEVENTH GENERATION.

POLLY PALMER, daughter of Walter Palmer and Hannah Gates, married John Webb, of Plainfield, Conn. They first lived on the Paine place, in Woodstock, Conn. They next moved to the Carey farm in Brooklyn, Conn., and from there to Plainfield, Conn., occupying the Webb homestead the remainder of their lives.

Their children were:—

George Webb.
Hannah Webb.
Esther Webb.
Walter P. Webb.
Sally Ann Webb.
Amos Webb.

Polly Palmer, wife of John Webb, died July 15, 1824, in the 39th year of her age. John Webb died July 26, 1826, in the 45th year of his age.

George Webb, son of John Webb and Polly Palmer, married Eliza Gibbs. They at one time lived on the farm known as the Bradford farm, in Plainfield, Conn. Mr. Webb finally purchased a farm at Pomfret Landing, Conn., where they lived until his death. His widow lives there at the present time (1886). There were two children:—

Mary Webb.
Harriet Webb.

Mary Webb, daughter of George Webb and Eliza Gibbs, married Samuel Linn, and they are now living at Pomfret Landing. They have one son:—

George W. Linn.

Harriet Webb, daughter of George Webb and

Eliza Gibbs, died Nov. 22, 1842, aged 9 years and 10 months.

George Webb died April 16, 1884, aged 78 years.

Hannah Webb, daughter of John Webb and Polly Palmer, married Abram Shepard. They resided for a time on Sterling Hill, Conn., where Mr. Shepard was engaged in the grocery business. From there they went to Coventry, R. I., where they kept a hotel; and then moved to Brooklyn, Conn., where he purchased a farm and continued to improve it as long as he did any business. Their children were:—

Harriet E. Shepard.
Edward A. Shepard.
Mary E. Shepard.
Maria J. Shepard.
Esther A. Shepard.
John W. Shepard.
Henry H. Shepard.

Abram Shepard died Feb. 11, 1877, aged 71 years.

Hannah Webb, wife of Abram Shepard, died Feb. 4, 1885, aged 76 years.

Walter P. Webb married Almira Searle for his first wife. Their children were:—

Ella Webb.
Sarah Webb.

After the death of his first wife he married a Miss Adams, of Pomfret, where they now live.

Sally Ann Webb married John Gilbert. Their children were:—

George Gilbert.
John Gilbert.

Amos W. Webb, the youngest of the children

of John Webb and Polly Palmer, married Hannah Thayer. Their children were:—

Emma Webb.
Ada Webb.

He was killed by a tree, which in falling struck him on the head. His wife and children survived him but a short time.

WALTER PALMER.

Walter Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Hannah Gates, was married, Nov. 24, 1812, to Lucy K. Eames, who was born July 3, 1792. They settled in Jewett City, Conn., where he was Agent for the Farnham Manufacturing Co., assisted by his brother Joseph. They took yellow fever from material which the Company had obtained from some infested locality, and both died.

The children of Walter Palmer and Lucy K. Eames are as follows:—

Lydia Palmer, born Aug. 31, 1813. Died Aug. 24, 1814.

Hannah Palmer, born Sept. 3, 1815. Died June 26, 1844.

Walter Kinney Palmer, born May 5, 1817. Died Nov. 8, 1845.

Joseph Taylor Palmer, born July 21, 1819. Died Dec. 8, 1836.

Hannah Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer

and Lucy K. Eames, married Elijah Barnes, who died not far from the time of her death, which occurred June 26, 1844. We have no knowledge of any children.

DOLLY GATES PALMER.

Dolly Gates Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer and Hannah Gates, married Andrew Gibbs, Dec. 31, 1812.

Their children were:—

Samuel Gibbs.
Mary Ann Gibbs.
Jane Gibbs.
Harriet Gibbs.
Thomas Gibbs.
Edwin Gibbs.
Walter Gibbs, who died young.
John Gibbs.

Andrew and Dolly first lived in Plainfield, Conn. From there they moved to the State of New York, town of Pompey, now called Onondagua, in 1817.

Andrew Gibbs was born June 27, 1779, and died June 10, 1863.

Dolly Gates Palmer, wife of Andrew Gibbs, died in Plainfield, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1860.

SALLY PALMER.

Sally Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer and Hannah Gates, married John C. Taylor. John and Sally owned a small farm in the eastern part of Plainfield, Conn.

There were no children.

A niece of Mr. Taylor lived with them. After her husband's death Sally went to live with her nephew, Walter P. Webb, of Pomfret, Conn., where she remained till her decease, which occurred June 2, 1849.

John C. Taylor died Sept. 15, 1842, aged 53 years.

HARRY PALMER.

HARRY PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, married Caroline E. Dorrance, of Brooklyn, Conn., daughter of Samuel Dorrance and Amy Kenyon. Harry and Caroline lived on the homestead of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, his parents.

Harry died Feb. 28, 1836, at the age of 34 years, leaving two sons:—

George H. Palmer, born Sept. 10, 1831.
William Palmer.

Caroline remained a widow until her death, which occurred June 1, 1870.

SAMUEL PALMER.

SAMUEL PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, married Lydia R. Ormsbee, daughter of Col. Abraham Ormsbee, of Seekonk, Mass. Samuel first took his wife into his mother's family, in Plainfield, Conn., where they remained for nearly a year, and then went to live by themselves. They always lived in Plainfield.

Their children were as follows:—

Walter Palmer, born March 25, 1824.
Samuel Palmer, born June 17, 1826.
Nancy J. Palmer, born April 24, 1829.
Benjamin Palmer.
William H. Palmer.
Lydia C. Palmer, born Sept. 16, 1841.

Samuel Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, received, for his share of his father's property, the original farm owned by the Palmers in Plainfield, Conn. It was first owned by Walter Palmer who married Margaret

Frink. By some means he became involved in debt, and his farm was sold. He then hired a small farm on which he lived two years, when he moved into the house with his son Walter, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their days.

Samuel died in April, 1870, at the age of 66 years.

His wife, Lydia R. Ormsbee, died Jan. 26th, 1885, at the age of 84 years.

Benjamin and William H. Palmer, sons of Samuel Palmer and Lydia R. Ormsbee, died in childhood.

NANCY PALMER.

Nancy Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, married, first, Benjamin Crary, of Plainfield, Conn. They moved to N. Y. State, where he died, leaving two sons:—

Henry Crary.
Walter Crary.

Her mother, Nancy Gordon Palmer, went with her, and lived with her until she (the mother) died. Nancy afterwards married John Turner.

VOSE PALMER.

Vose Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, died in the 8th year of his age.

BENJAMIN PALMER.

Benjamin Palmer, son of Walter Palmer and Nancy Gordon, first married Mary A. W. Congdon, and settled in Pomfret Landing, Conn. At the time of his marriage he was miller at the Landing. He afterwards procured a horse team and by this means earned a competence. He owned a very pleasant home. Great credit is due his wife for his success. He was somewhat advanced in life when he first married.

His second wife was Mrs. Naomi Gibson. She was faithful in her attendance upon him, which he seemed to appreciate, for he willed her all he possessed.

There were no children.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

WALTER KINNEY PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Lucy K. Eames, married Harriet Atwood Baldwin, of Canterbury, Conn., who was born Nov. 1, 1816. They were married Nov. 27, 1837, and settled in Jewett City, Conn.

They had but two children:—

Walter Atwood Palmer, born Mar. 14, 1840.
Leroy Fuller Palmer, born Nov., 1844.
Died Dec., 1845.

After the death of her husband, Nov. 8, 1845, and her young son in Dec., 1845, the widow of Walter Kinney Palmer, with her remaining son,

Walter Atwood, about five years old, moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. A brother of hers was in the West, and that probably was the reason of her going with her young son. She died Dec. 28, 1876.

GEORGE H. PALMER.

George H. Palmer, son of Harry Palmer and Caroline E. Dorrance, married Prudencia L. Phillips, of Plainfield, Conn., Sept. 3, 1854, and took his wife to the home of his mother.

Prudencia L., wife of George H. Palmer, died March 29, 1868, leaving two children:—

Harriet D. Palmer.
George E. Palmer.

Harriet and her brother both live at home with their father, whose health is somewhat impaired. Harriet is the housekeeper, as her father has never married again. Edward is a very industrious, temperate and frugal young man; on him rests the burden of the farm work. Both are a great help and comfort to their father.

WILLIAM PALMER.

William Palmer, son of Harry Palmer and Caroline E. Dorrance, went to the State of Iowa when a young man. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in a Cavalry regiment, and served until the contest was ended, when he received an honorable discharge. He married a Western lady and settled in Iowa. He was a mason by trade.

We know very little concerning his family, except that there were six children, but we do not know their names. Correspondence has been discontinued for some time past.

WALTER PALMER.

Walter Palmer, son of Samuel Palmer and Lydia R. Ormsbee, was married, Feb. 20, 1848, to Hannah Shepard, daughter of Capt. William Shepard, of Plainfield, Conn. Walter first hired a farm in Griswold, Conn., but remained there only one year. He then hired the farm known as the Whipple farm, in the south part of Plainfield, on which they lived three years. In March, 1852, having bought the farm adjoining, known as the Gallup farm, he moved thereto, taking his parents with him. For once there was a house large enough for a mother and daughter-in-law; for there was never an own daughter more kind, considerate, or patient, than this son's wife was to her father and mother-in-law.

Walter has served one term as Representative, and two as Judge of Probate in his native town.

The children of Walter Palmer and Hannah

Shepard are as follows:—

Walter L. Palmer, born April 23, 1857.
Margaret H. Palmer, born Oct. 10, 1860.
Martha E. Palmer, born Sept. 29, 1867.

SAMUEL PALMER.

Samuel Palmer, son of Samuel Palmer and Lydia R. Ormsbee, married, Nov. 28, 1853, Lucy G. Shepard, daughter of Capt. William Shepard, of Plainfield, Conn. Samuel hired a farm at first. He afterwards bought the Whipple farm, and finally purchased the homestead of his father Shepard, and settled there. Capt. Shepard, his father-in-law, lived with him most of the time, after he bought the farm, until his death, which occurred in June, 1878. Samuel owns several other smaller farms, which he has bought from time to time, and these are occupied by tenants.

Samuel has held town offices, and done business for others in the way of settling estates, etc., and in case of sickness or death the neighbors always find in him a friend, willing to assist them in any way.

Samuel Palmer and Lucy G. Shepard had one son only:—

Samuel F. Palmer, born March 23, 1862.

NANCY J. PALMER.

NANCY J. PALMER, daughter of Samuel Palmer and Lydia R. Ormsbee, was first married to Benjamin Cutler, of Putnam, Conn., July 4, 1848. There were six children, as follows:—

Sarah J. Cutler, died in infancy.
Lewis A. Cutler, born Dec. 12, 1850.
B. Frank Cutler, born April 12, 1852.
Lucy J. Cutler, born Dec. 23, 1854.
Mary D. Cutler, born Jan. 19, 1856.
L. Amy Cutler, born Dec. 10, 1858.

Nancy J. Palmer, daughter of Samuel Palmer and Lydia R. Ormsbee, married, for her second husband, Philip H. Manchester, of Warren, R. I. In 1882 Mr. Manchester bought quite a large farm in Swansea, Mass., and they are now living at this place.

Lewis A. Cutler, son of Benjamin Cutler and Nancy J. Palmer, in April, 1872, married Gertrude Cornell, of Providence, R. I. There were four children:—

Lewis E. Cutler, born April 19, 1875.
C. Flora Cutler.
Charles Cutler.
Grace Cutler.

The two middle ones were taken from them by diptheria; there were only two days between their deaths.

Lewis is foreman of a fire company, in Providence, R. I. He has served in some capacity in the fire department for at least ten years.

B. Frank Cutler, son of Benjamin Cutler and Nancy J. Palmer, has never married. He is now in Kansas. He also served in the fire department for a time, but he is by trade a jeweller.

Lucy J. Cutler, daughter of Benjamin Cutler and Nancy J. Palmer, was married to Herbert Bliss, of Plainfield, Conn., in 1871. Mr. Bliss

was baggage-master on the Providence & Hartford R. R. The remaining record of this family is brief and sad:—

May 6, 1875, a son, Arthur F. Bliss, to Herbert Bliss and Lucy J. Cutler.

July 19, following, the mother died.

Sept. 19, two months later, the son, Arthur F. Bliss, died; and the following summer the husband and father, Herbert Bliss, died.

Mary D. Cutler, daughter of Benjamin Cutler and Nancy J. Palmer, was married to Frank E. Roffee, of Providence, R. I., in Sept. 1881, and they are now living in Laramie City, Wyoming Ter. No children. Mr. Roffee is fireman on one of the Western roads from Laramie City.

L. Amy Cutler, daughter of Benjamin Cutler and Nancy J. Palmer, was married to William B. Coggeshall, of Warren, R. I., in Oct. 1885. Mr. Coggeshall is a farmer, and they are living in Warren, R. I.

LYDIA C. PALMER.

Lydia C. Palmer, daughter of Samuel Palmer and Lydia R. Ormsbee, was married to George S. Dorrance, of Brooklyn, Conn., April 7, 1869.

A son:—

Henry Dorrance, was born Jan. 10, 1870.

April 9, 1870, the husband and father died.

The home of Lydia C. Dorrance has always been in the house with Walter Palmer, her brother, since the father moved there in 1852, till the fall of 1885, when she moved to Westminster, Conn., so that her son might attend the school taught by Rev. S. B. Carter.

NINTH GENERATION.

WALTER ATWOOD PALMER, son of Walter Kinney Palmer and Harriet Atwood Baldwin, married Theodocia DePuy for his first wife, Oct. 7, 1860. Two children were born to them:—

Walter Millard Palmer, born in Oakfield, Kent Co., Mich., July 9, 1861.

Edith Palmer, born at Grand Rapids, Mich., July 29, 1869.

For his second wife Walter Atwood Palmer married Alice Margaret Boylan, at Jackson, Will Co., Ill., Feb. 17, 1874.

Eugene Boylan Palmer was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., April 30, 1876.

Leroy Atwood Palmer was born at Lockport, Will Co., Ill., June 10, 1879.

Walter Atwood Palmer, his wife, Alice M. Boylan, and son, Walter M. Palmer, are all members of the Congregational church.

Sept. 25th, 1863, Walter Atwood Palmer enlisted in the Tenth Michigan Cavalry, and was mustered out Nov. 11th, 1865, as Second Lieut. in the same regiment. At the time of writing, July 19, 1883, he was employed by D. C. Baldwin (his uncle) in the general hardware business in Lockport, Ill.

WALTER L. PALMER.

WALTER L. PALMER, son of Walter Palmer and Hannah Shepard, married Ella F. Witter, daughter of Col. Amos Witter, of Canterbury, Conn. They were married Feb. 3, 1881.

Walter L. Palmer first went into the coal and hardware business, in Turners Falls, Mass. He continued in that business some over two years, when he sold out to his partner. He next went into the grocery business at Central Village, Conn. From there he went to Medway, Mass., and engaged in the coal trade.

In 1880 Walter L. Palmer was nominated for Representative by the Democratic party, but was defeated. In 1885 he was elected Representative by the same party.

Walter L. Palmer has no children.

MARGARET H. PALMER.

MARGARET H. PALMER, daughter of Walter Palmer and Hannah Shepard, was married Nov. 15th, 1883, to Jason P. Lathrop, son of Jason Lathrop, of Griswold, Conn. They are living in Westerly, R. I. Jason Lathrop is employed in the store of the Smith Granite Co.

They have one daughter:—

Susan H. Lathrop, born Nov. 8, 1884.

MARTHA E. PALMER.

MARTHA E. PALMER, daughter of Walter Palmer and Hannah Shepard, is at home with her parents.

SAMUEL F. PALMER.

SAMUEL F. PALMER, son of Samuel Palmer and Lucy G. Shepard, married Susan A. Wilkinson, daughter of Warren Wilkinson, of Plainfield, Conn., in Oct. 1880.

In 1882 Samuel F. Palmer, with his father-in-law, bought a large farm in Griswold, known as the Tyler farm, moving thence the same spring. In 1886 he purchased a residence near Jewett City, and also bought the teams and job of teaming for one of the manufacturing companies at Jewett City, and for the Glasgow Co.

TENTH GENERATION.

WALTER MILLARD PALMER, son of Walter Atwood Palmer and Theodocia DePuy, of whom his father speaks as a noble Christian son, was, in 1883, in the employ of Eaton, Lyon & Allen, book and stationery establishment, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

EDITH PALMER.

EDITH PALMER, daughter of Walter Atwood Palmer and Theodocia DePuy, was adopted by her father's uncle, D. C. Baldwin, of Lockport, Ill., and assumed their name.

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